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1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW JUNE FOURTEEN, GOM'S CHIEF OF DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE ATTORNEY GENERAL TAN SRI ABDUL KADIR YUSOF STATED THAT THERE WILL BE "A LOT OF BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATION" BEFORE A FORMULA IS REACHED ACCEPTABLE TO ALL NATIONS AT CARACAS, BUT THE CONFERENCE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND NONAGREEMENT WOULD LEAD TO "CHAOS." ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, KADIR ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) MALAYSIA WILL STAND FIRM ON INNOCENT PASSAGE OF MALACCA STRAITS WHICH NOW ACCOMMODATES ABOUT 150 SHIPS PER DAY. KADIR DEFINED INNOCENT PASSAGE AS THAT "WHICH
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DID NOT AFFECT THE PEACE, GOOD ORDER AND SECURITY" OF

THE COASTAL STATES. ON THIS ISSUE, ONLY PROBLEM IS WITH WARSHIPS AS TRANSIT FOR ALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS EXCEPT GIANT TANKERS WILL BE PERMITTED. MALAYSIA DOES NOT AGREE WITH FIJIAN PROPOSAL TO PERMIT SUBMERGED TRANSIT OF SUBMARINES BUT WANTS ALL FOREIGN SUBMARINES TO PROCEED ON SURFACE WITH NATIONAL FLAG FLYING. QUESTIONED AS TO POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE, TAN SRI KADIR STATED: "WE WILL ONLY COMPROMISE ON (WITH) THE AGREEMENT OF INDONESIA AND OTHER COASTAL STATES (AND) PROVIDED OUR PEACE, GOOD ORDER AND SECURITY IS NOT AFFECTED."

B) MALAYSIA WILL SUPPORT PROPOSALS THAT BENEFIT IT MOST. THESE WILL INCLUDE A 200- MILE CONTINENTAL SHELF LIMIT AND A 14-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.

C) MALAYSIA WILL SUPPORT INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND HAS RECEIVED GUARANTEES FROM INDONESIA REGARDING TRANSIT OF MALAYSIAN SHIPS THROUGH INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IF ARCHIPELAGO SCHEME ADOPTED.

D) MALAYSIA WILL SUPPORT PROPOSAL GIVING COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER MARINE POLLUTION.

2. TAN SRI KADIR IS LEAVING MALAYSIA FOR THREE-DAY STOP-OVER IN SINGAPORE BEFORE FLYING TO CARACAS. MALAYSIAN DELEGATION LISTED AS FOLLOWS: SENIOR FEDERAL COUNSEL L.C. VORAH; UNDERSECRETARY, GENERAL PLANNING UNIT, PM'S DEPT, HAMZAH BIN MAJID; SENIOR FEDERAL COUNSEL MOKHTAR SIDIN; MFA PRINCIPAL ASST SECRETARY YOEP ADLAN BIN CHE ROSE; AND SECOND SECRETARY N. PARAMESWARAN OF MALAYSIA'S UN MISSION.

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